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[Project No. 6951-018]

Tallassee Shoals, LLC; Notice Approving Use of the Traditional Licensing Process

- a. Type of Filing: Notice Approving the Use of the Traditional Licensing Process
- b. Project No.: 6951-018
- c. Date Filed: September 28, 2018
- d. Submitted By: Tallassee Shoals, LLC
- e. Name of Project: Tallassee Shoals Project
- f. Location: On the Middle Oconee River near the city of Athens, in Clarke, and Jackson Counties, Georgia. The project does not occupy federal lands.
- g. Filed Pursuant to: 18 CFR Part 5 of the Commission's Regulations
- h. Applicant Contact: Mr. Walt Puryear, Tallassee Shoals, LLC, 2399 Tallassee Road, Athens, GA 30607, (706) 540-7621.
- i. FERC Contact: Michael Spencer at (202) 502-6093 or email at michael.spencer@ferc.gov.
- j. In a letter dated November 29, 2018, the Director of the Division of Hydropower Licensing approved Tallassee Shoals, LLC's request to use the Traditional Licensing Process.
- k. With this notice, we are initiating informal consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and/or NOAA Fisheries under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and the joint agency regulations thereunder at 50 CFR, Part 402; and NOAA Fisheries under section 305(b) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act and implementing regulations at 50 CFR 600.920. We are also initiating consultation with the Georgia State Historic Preservation Officer, as

required by section 106, National Historic Preservation Act, and the implementing regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation at 36 CFR 800.2.

- 1. Tallassee Shoals LLC filed a Pre-Application Document (PAD; including a proposed process plan and schedule) with the Commission, pursuant to 18 CFR 5.6 of the Commission's regulations.
- m. A copy of the PAD is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's website (http://www.ferc.gov), using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number, excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at FERCONlineSupport@ferc.gov, (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in paragraph h.
- n. The licensee states its unequivocal intent to submit an application for a new license for Project No. 3102. Pursuant to 18 CFR 16.8, 16.9, and 16.10 each application for a new license and any competing license applications must be filed with the Commission at least 24 months prior to the expiration of the existing license. All applications for license for this project must be filed by September 30, 2021.
- o. Register online at http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp to be notified via e-mail of new filing and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

Dated: November 29, 2018.

Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary.

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